

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 12, 2005

Lewiston-Auburn Downtown Connector/Turnpike Interchange Study

Phase II, Study to determine the Most Practicable Alternative

PIN 008850.00

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) is seeking the assistance of a consultant to conduct Phase II for the Lewiston-Auburn Downtown Connector/Turnpike Interchange Study in Lewiston and Auburn, Maine in no more than eighteen (18) months. The objective of the Phase II Study is to continue evaluation of the six (6) Build Interchange Strategies identified in the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) Phase I Study, prepared in partnership with MaineDOT, the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) and the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Of the six Build Interchange Strategies, three (3) are identified as the "Route 136 Strategies" and three (3) as the "River Road Strategies". The goal of the Phase II Study is to identify the "Most Practicable Alternative(s) to improve interconnectivity of the Maine Turnpike with the downtown urbanized areas of Lewiston and Auburn. The Phase I Study was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Sensible Transportation Policy Act (STPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Phase II will also be conducted in accordance with the requirements of STPA and NEPA. MaineDOT or MTA will then forward the identification of the Phase II "Most Practicable Alternative(s)" directly to a simplified NEPA document and/or Section 404 permitting phase.